GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:503
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) called upon the Government and the Telecom Industry to work together for a new frequency allocation plan in the National Conference on Spectrum Management convened by the FICCI recently;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions given by TRAI at the conference;

(c) whether the TRAI have any proposal to free incoming calls in cellular;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTIC 503 FOR 23RD APRIL, 2001 REGARDING NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT.

Chairperson, TRAI, while delivering the inaugural address in the conference on spectrum management held on 28th March, 2001, inter-alia, mentioned that users of spectrum and the Government should work together on a frequency allocation plan. The Chairperson, TRAI also mentioned about the need to establish a future-oriented spectrum management system based on sound and transparent principles known to all stakeholders as also to establish a body for efficient spectrum management and to have a policy which prevents grabbing and retaining the spectrum.

TRAI is presently preparing a consultation paper relating to the Calling Party Pays (CPP) regime in Cellular Mobile Telephone Services, so as to obtain the views of all stakeholders on the issue. The CPP regime contemplates making incoming calls free for the called mobile subscriber.